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Dear Ms Wastie,

Central Immunisation Records Victoria (CIRV) Update

This letter is to inform you of the future plans for the ongoing availability and support for the CIRV system which your council uses to support its immunisation program activities.

As you are aware, the Department of Health (the Department) made the initial investments to start up and establish the CIRV system in December 2022, with rollouts completed by June 2023. Since this time, it has been available for local government authorities to use for community immunisation programs.

CIRV is a state-wide cloud-based immunisation management system which provides a real-time view of client online bookings and consent for community, school and corporate sessions. The system is integrated with the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) for individual histories and Surveillance of Adverse Events following Vaccination in the Community (SAEFVIC), with improved data quality via identity matching and automated uploads. CIRV provides flexible workflows to support administrative and clinical workflows, vaccine stock management and extensive reporting.

The Department will continue to provide central management and support for CIRV, including on/offboarding, training and technical support to council users, as well as system remediation and enhancement activities.

The Department has recently conducted a review into the CIRV system. Given the CIRV system has transitioned out of the initial start-up phase, the Department has determined that a new co-funding model commencing from 1 October 2024 will be implemented, to enable the continued operation of the system and provision of support to your organisation.

Accordingly, organisations using the CIRV system will be required to provide co-funding to the Department based on the size of each organisations immunisation activities, with a base fee of \$6,000.00 p.a. plus \$2.00 per immunisation. Note that this fee will be pro-rata from 1 October 2024, so the fee for 24/25 will be \$4000 plus \$2 per immunisation.

The Department will contribute the remaining operational support funding necessary to sustain the CIRV system and support needs.

The Department is currently working to establish the appropriate payment process and you will receive a further communication regarding the co-contribution payment procedure shortly.

Please note that your immunisation service is still required to meet the mandatory reporting requirements under the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Act 2015. Additionally, you must have processes in place to ensure that the number of vaccinations encounters eligible for department subsidy payments can be reported annually. This includes adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, meningococcal ACWY vaccines and influenza vaccines administered to children aged 6 months to less than 5 years.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate the new co-funding model – but understand that the change may raise additional questions or challenges for your organisation. Should you require additional information or assistance, please contact John Hunter, Program Manager, Enterprise Technology Branch (ETB) in the eHealth Division at John.Hunter@health.vic.gov.au to discuss further.

Regards,



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